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Long shot of table with row of books.
A man enters scene, picks up one of the
books, and holds it in his hand. Lap
dissolve to back of book, closeup.
Hand turns book to front cover, which
reads:

The Fathers of New England
(Chronicle's Device)

by

Charles M. Andrews

Hand opens book to Title Page,
which reads as follows:

THE PILGRIMS

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The Persons in the Picture

Elder William Brewster.....Robert Gaillard
William Bradford, the youth..Harry Simpson
William Bradford, the man....John Hopkins
John Carver..Morgan Thorpe
Mary Brewster.....Bessie Remo
Priscilla Mullin.....Anna Beecher
John Alden.....James Murray
Capt. Miles Standish.....Arthur Donaldson

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The foundations of the American Republic
were laid deep in the human desire for
freedom of religious thought, in the
Seventeenth Century, when sovereigns,
exercising the "Divine Right of Kings,"
tried to dictate their subjects' religion.
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- 8.(20) In England there arose a band of dissenters who scorned the ceremonies of Crown and Church, and bravely persisted in worshipping God in their own humble way. They were called "Separatists" and were treated like rebels.
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- 9.(26) (Fade in)
A center of Separatism was at Scrooby, a quaintly-named and rude hamlet where began the brave but simple annals of our Pilgrim Fathers.
(Fade out)
- 10.(9) William Brewster, the able leader of the pious little flock of Scrooby Separatists.
- 11.(15) "Pomp and ritual and earthly show are not needed to worship Him who was born in a stable --- the simple Book of His Word is the only test of religious truth."
- 12.(11) William Bradford, whose zeal in the Cause of religious freedom was marred by the rashness of impetuous youth.
- 13.(11) Inspired by the example of Church and State, their neighbors subjected the Separatists to annoyance and ridicule.
(Small Pathepicture Trademark).
- 14.(3) "I will not endure this outrage!"
- 15.(6) "It is written - 'Forgive them that trespass against you'!"
- 16.(10) An agent of the Royal power - the High Sheriff of Nottingham, drawn to the scene by the disturbance.
- 17.(3) "Begone to your own affairs!"
- 18.(15) "But why, sir, do you shake the stave of the law in the face of peaceable folk? - It is the graceless blasphemers who interfere with us, that you should rebuke!"
- 19.(12) "Rash boy, hold your tongue! - lest you be clapt up in prison to learn less forward manners, and less treasonable religion!"
- 20.(13) "For the last time I warn you to cease your heretical worship and conform to the rules of our national Church - or suffer the consequences!"

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- 21.(15) "We are on the eve of terrible persecution, William - but neither King nor Law, nor pain nor hardship, must turn us from the simple truths of the Word of God - "
- 22.(12) " - we shall be watched and harassed and hunted out, and some among us may grow faint - but with faith and patience we must go on!"
- 23.(13) (Fade in)
In the bitter year that followed persecution by Church and State bore heavily upon the meek Separatists at Scrooby --
(Interpose to)
- 24.(19) - where, in solemn desperation, a meeting was finally held at the Manor House to consider a momentous step in the cause of freedom.
(Fade out)
- 25.(17) "It will be hard for us who love old England to leave our fair homes. But they will be homes no longer if we are not free within their walls to follow the Word of God in our own way!"
- 26.(9) "In Holland peaceable folk are tolerated, whatever their manner of Divine Worship may be."
- 27.(16) "But how can we get to Holland, with our women and children and worldly goods? Even though the authorities harry us they will not let us leave England!"
- 28.(11) "We must escape by stealth, and gather in Holland at a place agreed upon -- but it will be difficult and dangerous - "
- 29.(14) " - too dangerous, I think, for poor farm folk and workmen unused to the hazards of the outside world and to any hardships but poverty?"
- 30.(12) "There will be no place in our pilgrimage for any who shrink from its dangers! If you doubt, you had better withdraw now!"
- 31.(16) "If I seem stern it is because I realize that for our success only those must go who can devote their whole heart to our Cause, without fear, and without regret!"
- 32.(17) "Now, having decided, let us pray to Him from Whom all strength flows to arm us for our pilgrimage, not with weapons of violence and bloodshed but with faith and patience!"

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33.(14)

(Fade in)

During 1607 and 1608 the Scrooby Separatists, with great difficulty and loss, escaped secretly to Holland -

(Fade out)

34.(20)

Animated map of England and Holland to show location of Scrooby flash in; animated line moves northward across to North Sea and into Amsterdam -- Amsterdam flashes in. The animated line continues inland a little farther and Layden flashes in.

35.(19)

-- where at last there were gathered more than a hundred men, women and children.

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36.(25)

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Here came a twelve year pause in the Pilgrimage of these humble wayfarers on the highroad toward religious freedom -- finally, however, they realized that Holland was not an ideal refuge for Englishmen who were determined to keep their own language and traditions.

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37.(16)

(Fade in)

They resolved to seek a new country "devoid of all civil inhabitants, "where they might keep their own names, their own customs, their nationality - and their faith.

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38.(20)

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After many misgivings, a goal was selected - far-off, wild America --- and from Delftshaven, Holland, in the good ship "Speedwell", these valiant Pilgrims set forth.

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39.(18)

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At Southampton another and larger vessel, the "Mayflower", was in waiting. In August, 1620, the two vessels sailed together for America.

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42.(15)

Animated map. Two dotted lines move out from Southampton, stop at Dartmouth, stop again at Plymouth. As they stop at each port the name flashes in.

43.(14)

The "Speedwell," proving unseaworthy, put back, while the "Mayflower" went on alone, bearing two-thirds of the whole devout company.

43*(23)

(Show rest of map, i.e., one animated line moves out from Plymouth across the Atlantic and stopping at Cape Cod. Name Cape Cod flashes in. Fade out.)

44.(16)

(Fade in)
The little "Mayflower" only 86 feet long, with 102 passengers besides its crew, reached the waters of New England on the 11th of November, 1620.
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45.(5)

John Alden, a young Pilgrim of serious purpose.
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46.(7)

Priscilla Mullins, a Pilgrim girl who had no fear of the future.

47.(17)

The Captain of the "Mayflower", Christopher Jones, who could not understand how people equipped only with religious zeal dared to settle on a bleak and unfriendly shore.

48.(18)

Solemnly, impressed by the gravity of the occasion, the Pilgrims drew up a compact of government, modeled after the church covenant, which bound together every Separatist community.

49.(6)

Elder Brewster, still the unfaltering shepherd of his flock.

50.(8)

Much experience had softened William Bradford's rashness into wise judgment.

51.(15)

Bluff and hearty Captain Miles Standish -- the only man in all that devoted little band whose past experience fitted him for the stern task ahead.

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- 52.(7) John Carver, whose fortitude has triumphed over the infirmities of his age.
- 53.(13) "This Compact provides that we shall live together in a peaceable and orderly manner, under civil authorities of our own choosing - "
- 54.(13) The Mayflower Compact, first written instrument of government -- and, the forerunner of the Constitution.
(Interpose to the Mayflower Compact)
- 55.(7) "We have confirmed John Carver to be Governor for the first year --- "
- 56.(4) " -- and William Bradford to be his assistant."
- 57.(16) It was not until the 21st of December that the Pilgrims decided upon their landing place, which they lovingly named Plymouth, after the last port they had seen in England.
- 57*(23) (Another animated map. The line moves from Cape Cod straight across the bay to Plymouth).
- 58.(5) Plymouth Rock - the corner stone of a free nation.
- 59.(10) At last, the land of their fondest dreams --- soil where they could pray as they wanted to pray, unmolested.
- 60.(16) (Fade in)
Now followed a persecution worse than that of King and Church -- the rigors of a New England winter.
(Fade out)
- 61.(17) (Fade in)
Of this courageous, much afflicted community, in a cluster of rude huts, more than half died before winter was over -
(Fade out)
- 62.(9) "Must even children's graves be levelled? -- It will be so hard -- for their mothers - ""
- 63.(15) "Aye - even the little ones! No trace of graves may be left; otherwise the watchful Indians might learn how pestilence is weakening us."
- 64.(13) "Captain Standish fears that the Indians are spying upon us, so he wants our cannon placed where it will look most imposing - "
- 65.(14) "Captain Standish is wise in the ways of warfare, but let us not lose sight of the fact that our final strength lies in God's mercy - "

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- 66.(10) "Look well to the breastplates and matchlocks -
Captain Standish will instruct us in their use - "
- 67.(25) "There are only six boys and twenty men of us left
who are able to bear arms - and these must hearken
attentively to Captain Standish's instructions,
for we are folk unskilled in the use of anything
but the tools of our peaceful crafts!"
- 68.(5) THE PILGRIMS
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- 69.(8) THE PILGRIMS
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- 70.(4) Samoset, who had met Englishmen before.
- 71.(3) "Welcome, English!"
- 72.(3) "Me cold- me hungry!"
- 73.(6) Standish suspected treachery behind this
startling visitation -
- 74.(11) - but the kindly Pilgrims remembered that it is written -
"Clothe the naked, feed them that hunger."
- 75.(9) "These good folk have helped you - now there is
something I would show you, Samoset!"
- 76.(12) "Let Samoset go back to his brethern - let him
say that, sick or well, the Englishmen speak with
the voice of thunder!"
- 77.(8) "He will remember the lesson of love longer than
the lesson of fear!"
- 78.(15) (Fade in)
Spring came - and because Samoset had borne to his
people the lesson of the gentle Pilgrims' hospitality
the Colony was left in peace.
(Interpose to)
- 79.(19) Pestilence had stricken even the hardy men of the
"Mayflower" crew - and it was to the gentle Pilgrims,
at whom they had once jeered, that the rough seamen
turned in their hour of need -
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- 80.(9) With the improvement in the health of his crew Captain Jones prepared to return to England.
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- 81.(4) "If you pine for old England, daughter - go!"
- 82.(7) "I do grieve for my old home, and all the dear friends there - but - "
- 83.(16) "We have learned to love you good people, and I urge you to give up your mad attempt to settle on this bleak shore- let us take you back to England!"
- 84.(17) "Our hardships have endeared this place to us - we will never abandon the soil in which so many of our loved ones lie - our future is in the hands of Almighty God - "
- 85.(13) "You, Standish, must realize the foolhardiness of attempting to stay here. - Advise your friends to give up and come home!"
- 86.(12) "We brought no fainthearts to Plymouth - we shall stay -- Aye, and live to see the settlement strong!"
- 87.(14) "Through such as they this refuge will endure - we have sown some seed, but thyouth, God willing, must finish the planting - "
- 88.(20) F.I.O.
The exiles' hour of sharpest heartache - when the little "Mayflower", the last link with their homeland, slipped away over the far horizon, and left them alone with their Destiny.

89.(22)

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